GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
ANSWERED ON:02.07.2009
MENACE OF TOUTS
Ray Shri Rudramadhab ;Singh Shri Brij Bhushan Sharan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Railways has been drawn to the operation of touts who reportedly buy a large number of tickets in fictitious names and sell them at a premium, allegedly in connivance with some departmental staff;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which has come to the notice of the Railway authorities during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the action being taken by the Railway authorities to prevent such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Starred Question No.7 by Shri Rudra Madhab Ray AND SHRI Brijbhushan Sharan Singh to be answered in Lok Sabha on 02.07.2009 regarding Menace of touts.

(a): In the course of internal checks, some cases of touts/anti-social elements purchasing tickets in fictitious names have come to notice.

(b): The number of cases of passengers travelling on transferred tickets detected are as under:

Year	No. of transferred ticket cases detected.
2006-07	16404
2007-08	20298
2008-09	20240
2009-10(upto May,09)	4226

(c): Action taken to prevent such activities include
(i) intensive checks conducted by Commercial and Vigilance Departments at reservation offices, stations and in trains. During the last one year i.e. 2008-09, and the current year, 2009-10 (upto May, 09), 2521 and 298 touts respectively were apprehended and prosecuted;
(ii) campaigns to educate the public to desist from purchasing tickets from unauthorized persons;
(iii) bridging the demand-supply gap through running special trains, introducing new trains, augmenting existing trains, etc.; and
(iv) providing the facility of e-ticketing for easier access to booking of reserved tickets.